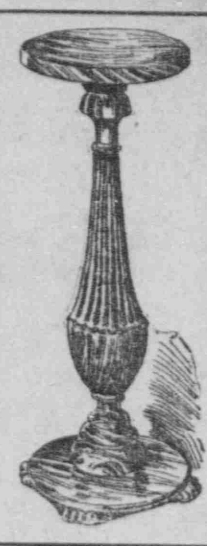


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the same State, who used to be a preacher and talks like one even when discussing appropriation bills; Herbert Parsons, of New York, Col. Roosevelt's good friend, and Ham Fish, the Empire State's insurgent—all these and many other favorites among the fallen were in the seats and marked by the crowds in the galleries. It was an affecting sight to see the lame ducks assemble and to hear the sound of their lamentations.

"Uncle Joe" Welcomed. When the hands of the big clock in the chamber finally foregathered at 12, there was an almost instant lull on the floor and in the galleries. The big doors at the right of the Speaker's dais swung open, there was a preliminary handclap or two, and "Uncle Joe" Cannon, clear of eye and springy of step, entered and strode up the steps to his high-backed chair. "Uncle Joe" got a lively reception, the Democratic side joining in the racket, apparently a personal tribute to what Kipling calls "a first-class fighting man."

"Uncle Joe" seemed as calm as a lake on a June evening. He returned to the House by a comfortable majority, and saved from defeat by the hands of his own party in his candidacy for reelection to the Speakership by the choosing of a Democratic House. "Uncle Joe" was able to survey the scene without any very affecting sadness. He was in excellent humor, and smiled impartially on friend and foe.

The opening prayer was delivered by Chaplain Couden, and, that over, the reading clerk droned a routine of names on the House membership roll. Announcements were made in the usual way of the death during the recesses of Representatives Foulkrod, of Pennsylvania; Brownlow, of Tennessee; Gilmore, of Louisiana; and Tirrell, of Massachusetts. G. B. Massey, of Tennessee; John Mitchell, of Massachusetts; and R. P. Lively, of Texas, were sworn in to fill the vacancies caused by the death of members, and the House adjourned until noon to-day in memory of those who have passed away. Over on the Senate side, the session was opened with the usual solemnity and formality which attend proceedings in that chamber. A gloom was cast over the chamber by the emblems of mourning for the four Senators who had died during the recess. They were John W. Daniel, of Virginia; Jonathan P. Dolliver, of Iowa; Alexander S. Clay, of Georgia; and Senator McEnery, of Louisiana. Resolutions were introduced for each of these men, and Senator Bacon, in moving that the Senate adjourn out of respect to their memory, said:

"The scene to-day, in its sadness and tragedy, has paralleled in all the history of the United States Senate."

Sickness Causes Absence. Sickness also had made several vacant seats in the Senate. Many noted the absence of Mr. Elkins, of West Virginia, who has been seriously ill at his home here for several weeks, and Senator Hughes, of Colorado, who is suffering from a nervous breakdown.

On the other hand, Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, was in his post for the first time since early last session. He has aged considerably during his illness and grown very gray. He entered the chamber leaning on a cane and was immediately surrounded by Democrats and Republicans alike, who welcomed his appearance again. He seemed, however, to be the same old Tillman. He was hardly in his seat when he turned to one of his Republican admirers and, pointing at his cane, said:

"I have raised Cain all my life, and now I am carrying one."

Senator Culberson, of Texas, also was in his seat for the first time in almost a year, and Senator Bradley, of Kentucky, who has been on the sick list for a long time, was out again.

The Senate Republicans who went down to defeat in the recent elections didn't seem to take things so hard as the House members, or at least they were able to conceal their feelings. Beveridge, of Indiana, who is now concluding his twelfth year of service, had a glad smile and a ready handshake for everybody on the floor. Senator Burrows, of Michigan, who was defeated for re-nomination by Representative Charles E. Townsend, seemed reconciled to the fact that the fifteen years' service in the Senate was long enough, and Senator John Kean, of New Jersey, who will be compelled to yield next March to a Democrat, after having served twelve years, also seemed contented.

Three Senators Sworn In. Three successors to Senators who died in the recess were on hand to take the oath of office yesterday—ex-Gov. Claude Swanson, of Virginia, who will succeed Senator Daniel; Joseph W. Terrell, of

Georgia, who was appointed by Gov. Brown to serve ad interim until the legislature meets in June, as successor of the late Senator Clay, and Lefe Young, of Iowa, who was appointed by Gov. Carroll to fill the vacancy caused by Senator Dolliver's death, until the legislature acts. The new Senators will take the oath of office to-day.

The Louisiana legislature will meet in extra session on Tuesday, and it is expected that it will promptly elect J. R. Thornton to serve the remainder of the term for which the late Senator McEnery had been elected.

The Senate was in session only about fifteen minutes.

Bill Aimed at High Prices. A bill bearing on the cost of living which will undoubtedly have consideration at this session of Congress was introduced in the House yesterday by Representative Wilson, of Chicago. The bill, which is introduced by the National Stewards' Association and other organizations, is designed to compel the labeling of the exact measure of food packed in cans, bottles, boxes, or other containers that enter into interstate commerce.

According to Representative Wilson, the bill is intended to bid directly at the high cost of living, so far as it is affected by false measurement. It is estimated by those who endorse the bill that the water poured into cans of food stuffs, such as tomatoes, peas, corn, and other vegetable products, and other forms of fraud practiced cost the consumers many millions a year.

URGE PENSIONS FOR CLERKS

Three Representatives Pledge to Vote for Measure.

Meeting of Retirement Association Arouses Interest in Bill to Be Presented to Congress.

Representatives Bennett and Calder, of New York, and Hamill, of New Jersey, spoke for the pensioning of government clerks at a mass meeting under the auspices of the United States Civil Service Retirement Association at the Public Library last night. They gave a decided impetus to the movement, when all pledged themselves to vote for such a bill if it came up in this Congress.

Representative Hamill said he saw no reason why the government should not pension its aged employees the same as the private business of the country. Representative Bennett advised the association to continue this campaign before Congress and to accept what legislation is enacted until the bill it wants becomes a law.

E. J. Cantwell, secretary of the association, and president of the Mail Carriers' Association, in a short talk, advised the advocates of pensions not to combine a request for a raise in salary with the pension bill. He said this would probably cause delay in getting the main issue through.

"It is probable we will get the bill into Congress this session," said President O'Donohue, of the Retirement Association, after the meeting last night. "Our people are showing a lively interest in it, and I have no doubt we will make some material progress before March 4."

Taft AT RED CROSS MEETING. Will Announce Completion of New York's Quota of Fund.

President Taft, at a meeting of the National Red Cross to-day in Continental Hall, will announce the completion of New York City's quota of the fund which that organization is attempting to raise.

New York has raised, officials of the organization here say, \$300,000. She is the first of many cities to complete the sum expected of her.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS.

Abita Springs, La., Dec. 5.—The Mutti Hotel, with six adjacent cottages, was burned here yesterday. The loss was \$50,000, partly covered by insurance.

St. Louis, Dec. 5.—In conformity with the dying wish of Mrs. Louisa Walker, forty years old, her ashes were scattered to the four winds from the highest point of Eads Bridge.

Zanesville, Ohio, Dec. 5.—Fire to-day destroyed the four-story building occupied by H. Water Sons, store, main street, near Fifth street, and extended to other buildings, causing a loss of \$300,000.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 5.—Six criminals were indicted at Watson, Fulton County, Ohio, Saturday night for the blowing of the safe of the Home Savings Bank November 7. The robbers got away with \$4,700.

Baltimore, Dec. 5.—Frank E. Alexander, the young Philadelphian who cut his throat at a hotel here last Tuesday night with suicidal intent, died at the hospital yesterday. News of the man's death did not become known publicly until to-day.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 5.—The little copper mining town of Copper Hill, which suffered a \$200,000 fire Friday night that destroyed a large part of the business section of the place, was visited by another and more serious fire Saturday night.

London, Dec. 5.—Some forty persons were seriously injured, a number of them fatally, in a collision on the London Northwestern Railway, at Willenden Junction to-day. The second section of the train from Watford plowed into the first section, which was standing at the junction.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—John H. Barker, owner of extensive car manufacturing interests of Michigan City, Ind., who died Saturday, is reported to have left an estate of approximately \$200,000, the bulk of which is bequeathed to his daughter, Catherine, fourteen years old, making her one of the richest girls in the world.

Gradients of 22 feet in 1,000 on a railroad in Brazil are the steepest in the world on any line built of ordinary track.

REVISION OF RULES
AT THIS SESSION

Democratic Caucus Will Take Up Matter Shortly.

At the first Democratic caucus held at this session consideration will be given to the idea of designating several members to go into the question of revising the rules of the present Congress, with a view of submitting the results to the members of the Sixty-second Congress. Whatever conclusions may be reached are not intended to be binding upon the Democrats of the new House.

It has only been suggested with a view of relieving the new House of the task and facilitating an early agreement, so that the Democrats may clear the decks for a reduction of the tariff, shortly after the House convenes.

Two years ago, in the fight over the rules, no effort was made by either the Democrats or the insurgent Republicans to elect a committee on committees. The purpose of the fight then was to take from the Speaker his power to "veto" legislation, which he exercised by the reason of the fact that he was chairman of the Committee on Rules and appointed a committee subservient to his wishes.

The elimination of the Speaker from the Rules Committee, its election by the House, and the establishment of a unanimous consent calendar, upon which every member had the right to place his bill as a matter of right, took away from the Speaker his veto power, and accomplished the result that was sought by those who made the original fight on the old rules of the House. These reforms went through by reason of Democratic insistence, and it was that party which cast the perpendance of votes that brought about the change. As for the appointment of committees, every one recognizes that for many years both the House and Senate have been governed by the precedent that promotes the older members on standing committees, and gives a preference to them by reason of their seniority in service. With very few exceptions, the only power the Speaker has exercised in appointing committees has been to fill vacancies.

A legislative programme for the session has not yet been formulated by the Republican leaders. They will make no plans for the winter's work until they have read and digested the President's message, which will be submitted to the two Houses to-day. A conference will then be held by members of the Republican steering committee of the Senate and the House leaders to map out a course of action.

GOV. GILLET IN CITY. California Executive Joins the Exposition Boomers.

Gov. J. N. Gillett, of California, with Mrs. Gillett and their daughters, Misses Ethel and Ethel, and Miss Lucy Cutler, arrived in Washington last night and are at the New Willard. Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Brown, of San Francisco, accompanied them and joined the party of Californians here in the interests of the Panama Canal exposition.

Gov. Gillett expressed himself as pleased with the work done in behalf of San Francisco as the exposition city, and believes the campaign to that end will be successful.

Rev. J. P. McQuade, former chaplain of the First California Volunteers, when that regiment was in the Philippines, will dine with President Taft at the White House to-day. Father McQuade will be accompanied by Joseph Scott, president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, who is another personal friend of the President.

John P. Knapp, representing the Pan-American exposition, arrived here yesterday to further Frisco's interests. Knapp carries copies of resolutions from the Arizona constitutional convention endorsing the Coast city, and these will be presented to the President and other officials.

Delegations from both New Orleans and San Francisco had a busy day at the Capitol yesterday. The opening of Congress means the beginning of real work for both delegations.

BREHANY FOR TARIFF BOARD.

Appointment of Newspaper Man as Secretary Announced.

T. W. Brehany, a newspaper man, now connected with the New York Tribune bureau, will be executive secretary of the tariff board. His appointment was announced yesterday and he will assume his new duties in a short time.

Mr. Brehany was formerly on the Milwaukee Sentinel, and came here from Wisconsin as secretary to Senator Quarles. Later he served as secretary to Senator Spooner. Since the resignation of the latter, Mr. Brehany has been engaged in newspaper work in Washington.

Senator Bristow Hoped. Senator Bristow, of Kansas, has been making a canvass of members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and is hopeful that the committee will report favorably on his pending resolution proposing to the States for ratification a constitutional amendment for the election of Senators by popular vote.

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